

# COX TO MAINTAIN HOLDEN STANDARD

## Boast of a Republican Speaker Introducing Cox

### DEFENDS RECONSTRUCTION

Mr. J. W. Bailey Says Cox by His Silence Acquiesced in The Impeachment That He Will Maintain The Standard of Holden and Russell. The Republicans Have Decided to Make The Best of a Bad Cause and Defend Reconstruction, Holden's Regime and Russellism.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, Democratic candidate for elector-at-large, returned yesterday from Yadkinville, where he spoke on Monday. He reported a very large audience and fine Democratic enthusiasm. He also brought remarkable evidence that the Republicans have grown hopeless of dodging responsibility for their past and have decided to defend Holdenism, Russellism and Reconstruction. This is borne out by the notorious Montgomery speech here.

"It seems," said Mr. Bailey, in an interview, "that the Republicans have decided to accept the responsibility for the miserable records made by the two administrations they have had in North Carolina."

"At Yadkinville yesterday (Monday, October 19th) Mr. Bart Brown introduced Mr. Elwood Cox, candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, and declared with frenzied emphasis that Mr. Cox, if elected, would maintain the standard set by Governor W. W. Holden, adding that all that he and his party asked of Mr. Cox is that he should make a public statement in North Carolina as Holden made."

"Mr. Cox was present and by his silence acquiesced in the impeachment. Brown's extraordinary declaration came about in this way: I was speaking to a large crowd of Democrats in the court-house at Yadkinville when Mr. Cox came in. I had referred to the fact that in his letter accepting the Republican nomination, Mr. Cox had called upon the people to forget the

past and to lay aside the political 'prejudices' of their fathers; and I had expressed gratification that the Republicans had at any rate become ashamed of their past. I undertook briefly to show why they should be ashamed, and on the other hand, why the people of North Carolina could not forget that under Holden and Russell the Republicans had not only proved themselves unfit to conduct our State affairs, but had plunged themselves into corruption and brought the State into humiliation. I added that while the Democrats point with pride to their past, holding aloft the names of Vance, Jarvis, Fowle, Seales, H. Carr, Aycock and Glenn, the Republicans come before us with apologies and ask us to forget. I went on to say that all the Democrats claimed for Mr. W. Kitchin is that he will maintain the noble record from Vance to Glenn, and I challenged the Republicans to promise that Mr. Cox would maintain the standard of Holden and Russell."

"You may imagine my surprise when in the presence of Mr. Cox and a court-room full of Democrats and Republicans MR. BROWN DID THAT VERY THING."

"It appears that the Republicans have decided to make the worst of a bad cause and defend Reconstruction, Holden's regime and Russellism. It is their load—let them carry it. They are responsible for these administrations; the record is theirs. It was said of old 'By their fruits ye shall know them,' and so are they known to North Carolina."

# TO DEMOCRATIC CLUBS

Keep the Democracy Close to the People.—Success of The Club Movement.—Its Importance and Value.—Organization Aggressive and Active.—How to Be Helpful.

The Democratic party, since its inception, has been anchored near to the hopes, hearts and happiness of the American people, and this close adherence to the welfare of the masses has enabled it to withstand the devastating consequences of repeated defeat in national elections.

In North Carolina it has been found that the most effective way of reaching the people, high and low, small and great, has been through this splendid instrumentality of Club Organization.

The present campaign has received close attention along this line, with strong and sympathetic support by the Democratic Organization and today there is scarcely a precinct, hamlet, village or town in the State without an association of active Democrats, militant and enthusiastic, loyal and devoted to the principles of their party. The underlying idea of Club organizations is to bring the Democratic men of the precinct, county, State and Nation into closer union; to harmonize differences, to arouse indifference and to have every voter feel that he is an essential element in his party's success.

There are thousands of these clubs in the United States, and men of all classes, businesses, occupations and professions, bound together in one common purpose and actuated by the highest patriotism. You do not find Democratic Clubs inspired, conceived or dominated by men bent upon greed or private gain, but that they are offered and directed by unselfish citizens, who place principle before power and men above money.

The clans of Democracy are arising and on every hill-side and valley, by seashore or by mountain brook they are drilling and organizing for the most momentous battle since Yorktown, when Cornwallis surrendered English tyranny to American liberty. This vast army of Democrats is determined to wrest from the hands of a few what has been intended for the many, and on the third of November,

1908, William Jennings Bryan, their captain, with the high standard of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, engraved on his banner, will lead his army to victory, but political battles, like actual ones, depend upon the loyalty, courage and patriotism of the private. Oliver Cromwell, with his iron-fists, changed the political destiny of England. Why? Because he had behind him the most determined men of conviction the world has ever seen.

Our clubs are mere squads in this army, but they are the mud-sills upon which rest this nation's destiny. Their efficiency as units determine their strength as a whole. No party is stronger than the voters who supply and sustain it. We have got to win, and we summon the Democracy of North Carolina to clean their guns for the coming conflict.

The few days remaining for work must be utilized along practical and personal lines; that is, the clubs must see that every Democrat capable of voting votes. This is the essence of victory. There ought to be a special committee in every club for the sole purpose of seeing that Democrats get to the polls. The old men who are unable to come must be brought, and the young, if unindulgent, must be reminded.

Democratic clubs offer every member an opportunity to labor for his party, and if the hundreds of clubs in North Carolina do their duty as units, there will be one of the completest Democratic victories North Carolina has seen for years. Club members do not rely upon your officers to do all the work. You are an integral part in this great fight, and the ideal club is that club in which every member, regardless of his place or position, presumes to be a leader. The Democratic party has placed its destiny in your hands, and to you it looks for final vindication on November 3, 1908.

Respectfully,  
O. MAX GARDNER,  
State Organizer Democratic Clubs.

# TOM DIXON, AUTHOR OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

Introduced First Pension Bill in 1885, Which Was Passed Over Opposition of Republicans, Including Pritchard. Now, After Democrats Have Increased Pension Appropriations to One-Sixth of All Taxes Collected by State Government, Republicans Pretend to Superior Friendship to Confederate Soldier.

It is a fact which may have been forgotten by a great many people, and which deserves to be remembered, that the author of "The Clansman" and "The Traitor," Thomas Dixon, Jr., was the author of the first Confederate pension bill adopted by the State of North Carolina, and which was the beginning of the system of pensions to Confederate soldiers in North Carolina. He came to the Legislature from his native county of Cleveland and in 1885, at 21 years of age, and drew and introduced and championed with his brilliant eloquence the bill to pension Confederate soldiers, and the claims of the old veterans were so well presented by him that when the roll was called out not a single Democrat in the General Assembly voted against it. This was the beginning of the pension system in the State, which has been so popular, and so generously recognized as just and proper that every succeeding Democratic Legislature has increased

the amount given to this purpose, until it has now reached \$400,000 per year, one-sixth of the total taxes collected by the State.

As the Republicans are this year making a pretense of championing the cause of the Confederate soldiers it is worthy of record, also, that in this Legislature of 1885, when Dixon's pension bill was adopted by solid Democratic vote, it was opposed likewise by an almost solid Republican vote, the Journals of the Legislature showing the following and introduced in the House, Brim, Bull, Chappell, Eaton, Henderson, Hesse, Locke, Flinn, Pritchard, Rouliac, Thorpe, Wall, Ward, Whitford—14, all Republicans.

In the Senate, Chadborn, Montgomery, Robins, Swan, Taylor and Thomas—6, all Republicans. It is also worthy of note that the only Legislatures since which have not increased the amounts appropriated for the old veterans were the fusion Legislatures.



CHARLES B. AYCOCK.  
Ex-Governor of North Carolina.

Two of the heroes of the battles of '96, '98 and 1900, who went furthest into the camp of the enemy. The administration led by each of them as Governor will go down in history as among the most distinctive in the history of the State for brilliant achievements in peace, in educational advancement, in moral uplifting and in industrial progress.



ROBERT BROADNAX GLENN.  
Governor of North Carolina.

# WHERE THE MONEY FOR DEMOCRATIC IMPROVEMENTS COMES FROM

Only 36 Per Cent. of Taxes For State Government Collected From Poll and Property Taxes and a Large Part of This Goes Back to the Counties From Which It Comes. Improved Schools, Enlarged Asylums, Increased Pensions, Etc., Come From Franchise, Privilege, Railroad, Insurance and Other Corporate Taxes.

No doubt a great many people have been puzzled to know how the Democratic administration has been able to make the extensive improvements in the public school system, build so many new school-houses, enlarge the asylums, largely increase pensions to Confederate soldiers, etc., without any increase in the property or poll taxes for State government.

The report of the State Treasurer for the last year shows that only 36 per cent. of the revenues of the State government are derived from the general property and poll taxes collected by the sheriffs and that in forty-one counties of the State an amount in excess of this amount is actually returned to the counties in the appropriation of the school fund, and in the pension payments, and in the other

county a large per cent. of the State taxes collected are returned to them for these objects.

The balance of 64 per cent. of State revenues is derived entirely from franchise taxes, privilege taxes and taxes on railroads, insurance companies and other corporations.

This is a remarkable showing as indicating the progress that has been made, under Democratic government, in equalizing the burdens of taxation. For a long time the State collected most of its income directly from the citizens, while corporations, especially railroads and insurance companies, did not pay anything like their proportionate share of taxes and comparatively little money was realized by the State from franchises and privilege taxes.

What It Means to Vote for Mr. Cox, Winston Journal.

When a Democrat votes for Mr. J. Elwood Cox for Governor, he is practically voting:

1st.—To place all election machinery in the hands of Republicans, the Governor having the power to appoint the election board.

2nd.—To place the penitentiary in the same hands that had it ten years ago and ran it in debt over \$300,000, the Governor controlling this through a board appointed by him.

3rd.—To place our splendid hospitals for the insane, our excellent schools for the deaf, dumb and blind, A. and M. Colleges, etc., all under control of Republican boards.

4th.—To place the appointment to all vacancies in the United States Senate, all vacancies in State offices, Supreme and Superior court judgeships, etc., in the hands of a Republican.

5th.—To absolutely kill for four years all effort looking to the prevention of discrimination in freight rates, the Governor being the life and spirit of the prosecution.

These are some of the things you will be voting for should you vote for Mr. Cox.

Don't fail to vote for your Democratic Congressman, North Carolina now has ten Democrats in Congress, and by all means should hold the solid delegation. The only way to put an end to Joe Cannonism is by electing a Democratic Congress. If the old man should be defeated in his district, as now seems probable, and the Republicans should hold their majority in Congress, they would find another Joe Cannon to put in the Speaker's chair and stand between the special interests and the people. It is time now for a people's Congress.

# WHY HIS PRIVATE CHARACTER IS CONSPICUOUS

(Interview with E. J. Justice.)

Much has been said by Mr. Cox's party friends of his personal character. I do not think it would be proper for me to say anything against his private character, if I were disposed to do so, and, besides, I know of nothing to say against it. I freely grant that he is sober, pays his debts, is not immoral, and contributes to his church. I believe this to be true, notwithstanding the attack upon him by the editor of the official organ of his party.

If Mr. Cox were a Democrat the possession of a good private character would not make him conspicuous. It is the rule of the Democratic party to nominate decent men for office, and when the Republicans make so much noise about the nomination of a man who has a good private character, it would seem to indicate that with that party it is the exception. Notwithstanding Mr. Cox's private character is good, there are few men in the State who are, by their interests, environment and views, so disqualified to serve the people in an official capacity as Mr. Cox. He has for years been the all-round "handy man" of the Southern Railway Company in Guilford county. The arrangement has been profitable to Mr. Cox and, I have no doubt, to the railway company also. Mr. Cox has given evidence of his high appreciation of the favors the railway company has bestowed upon him, and he is as prone to think with it as the sparks are to fly upwards.

I did not know whether I was going to get strong enough to fight in this campaign, but when the Republican Convention met and put on their ticket old Dr. C. Thompson for one of the best paying offices of the State, the "pizzen" broke out all over me. He was once a Democrat, but he went over and fused with the Republican party and helped to defeat us in 1894, and when they nominated him the "pizzen" broke out just like measles. (Applause.) I couldn't put my finger on a place that wasn't "pizzened." (Applause.)—Cyrus B. Watson.

I want to say to you to do nothing dangerous. It is dangerous for a Democrat to scratch them. I don't ever scratch them (applause), because when I scratch them I have left in my run only half a load, and when I shoot I want a whole load, both of powder and lead.—Cyrus B. Watson.

# SHALL PASSENGER FARES BE INCREASED?

The Democrats Gladly Accept the Issue Raised Against Them by the Republican's on Reduced Passenger Fares and Show by Sworn Reports of Railroad Officials that Railroads Have Been Greatly Benefitted by the Cheaper Fares, While a Hundred Thousand Dollars per Month Are Being Saved to the People. Will the Republicans Restore The Old High Rates? Democrats Are Also Striving to Correct the Freight Discriminations Endorsed by Hon. J. Elwood Cox.

The one issue which the Republicans have raised with the Democrats in North Carolina and given the dignity of a position in their State platform is a criticism of the last Democratic Legislature for reducing railroad passenger fares in North Carolina—that they have made it possible for the people of the State to buy railroad tickets for less money than they formerly had to pay for them.

Bear in mind that the Democrats have been in charge of our Legislatures for ten years, and in these ten years they have legislated so well and so wisely for the promotion of the interests of the whole people of the State that in all this record the Republicans find nothing worthy of criticism in their State platform but this one matter of railroad rates.

The Democrats gladly accept the issue they thus raise, and take pride in defending their action in this matter as one of their greatest accomplishments for the benefit of the people at large, and have the advantage of being able to show, from the sworn reports made by the railroads themselves, that while they have thus cheapened passenger fares to all the people, they have at the same time increased largely the net earnings of the railroads from passenger fares in North Carolina.

The sworn reports made by the officials of the Southern Railway to the Corporation Commission show that for the six months ending December 31, 1906, under the old high passenger rates, their receipts from passenger fares in North Carolina were \$957,564. For the six months ending December 31, 1907, under the 2-1-2 cent rate, their receipts were \$1,047,588, an increase for the six months of \$90,024; an increase of \$13,337 per month and of nearly \$500 per day.

Like reports from officials of the Atlantic Coast Line for the same period show \$432,965 under the high rate and \$475,086 under the low rate; an increase under the low rate of \$42,121, or \$7,170 per month and \$258 per day.

Like reports from officials of the Seaboard Air Line show passenger receipts of \$226,887 under the old high rate, and \$303,802 under the new low rate for the same period of six months; an increase of receipts under the reduction rate of \$76,915, or \$12,819 per month and \$427 per day.

These are facts. They show beyond the point of cavil that the suggestion made by the Republicans that the Democrats have done the railroads an injury in reducing passenger fares is absolutely without foundation. It is true that the railroads, in common with every other class and form of enterprise in the whole country have suffered greatly within the last eighteen months, but their troubles are traceable to the empty freight cars with which the Roosevelt panic filled side tracks from one end of the country to the other.

As shown above, the railroads,

Independent Candidates.

(Asheville Citizen.)

It is safe to say that nine out of every ten independent candidates are men who have tried and failed to get office in the Democratic party. Before they were beaten they talked long and loud about their devotion to party principles. Being beaten, they become abusive of their former party associates, desert the principles they once extolled so loudly, and in every possible way show that it is profit and not principle that controls their political action.

Of course there are a few exceptions, but this is the rule.

What honor is there in such a course—what principle? Who can trust a turn-coat? Who can put confidence in the man that is blown about by every wind of doctrine, finding a resting place only where his personal interest dictates?

For these reasons all so-called independent movements in politics start out discredited in the eyes of right-thinking folk and usually end up in the defeat they deserve. Those who wander from the Democratic fold because they didn't get a nomination will find usually they have not only lost the confidence of former friends and the general public, but have failed to win the trust and respect of their new allies.

They say now, "We did do these things of which you charge us in Reconstruction days, but if you will let us back in power, we will be good." We want us to forget the past, but we can only judge of the future by the past. When Moses was leading the Children of Israel he frequently found the wilderness he frequently found the people ready to forget their tasks and their bondage, but if you will let us back to the history, but if you will let us forget themselves and complain to die, that he was leading them on to die, he told them to "Keep these things upon the frets of their eyes and they wear them upon the fingers of their right hand."—Cyrus B. Watson.

The Republicans are arguing that Republican candidates for Congress should be elected because Democratic Congressmen have no influence in a Republican Congress. By the same token the people should elect Democratic Congressmen this year because the next House of Representatives will be Democratic and Joe Cannon hosiery will be a back number. Don't fail to get out a full vote for your Democratic Congressman. Every one of the ten have been faithful representatives of the interests of the people.

Now, I have done the best that I could tonight—the best in my way. But later I hope to be able to make a more logical talk. I wish I were able to go from the East to the Tennessee line and tell this message to all the people. I have a long way to go. I have children and grandchildren; but I say to you that no stroke of this right hand shall aid in putting the Republican party over these children and grandchildren. (Applause.) I say it because I have tried it in the past and having tried it in the past and having found nothing but ruin and disgrace, I will help but fight it now.—Cyrus B. Watson.



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"SEEN" THINGS AT NIGHT.